

# 1997 HOPWA COMPETITIVE GRANTS

## Partnerships to Provide Housing and Related Services to Persons living with HIV/AIDS

Office of Community Planning and Development  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

*Housing and Urban Development Secretary Andrew Cuomo announced \$19.6 million in grants to 20 community-based programs addressing the housing needs of low-income Americans with HIV/AIDS. The grants were made under the competitive portion of HUD's \$196 million Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS 1997 program.*

*"We recognize that housing is a daily necessity for each of us and that safe, decent and affordable housing must be part of our common response to the HIV epidemic," Cuomo said. "The Department's AIDS programs give comfort and support to persons who are facing difficult challenges in their lives. That is why these grants are so critical. They serve people when they're most vulnerable, with limited resources, often with less than ideal family and medical support."*

*Cuomo said that seven of the grants were awarded under the HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative (MDI) which targets assistance to low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS who are homeless and also have chronic alcohol and/or drug abuse problems and/or serious mental illness. MDI projects participate in joint efforts by HUD and HHS to develop and evaluate model programs that reach and assist this population.*

*Seven of the grants were awarded for models in planning, design, management and evaluation of housing and related assistance under the Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) category. Five grants will help develop long-term comprehensive strategies for assistance in areas of the country that do not receive HOPWA formula allocations. One project will provide national technical assistance.*

## MODEL HIV/AIDS PROJECTS

### Community Partnerships -- Housing Assistance and Related Services

#### HIV Multiple Diagnoses Initiative

▼ In Connecticut, the **City of Bridgeport** and the Connecticut AIDS Residence Coalition (CARC) along with seven project sponsors will initiate a three-pronged program to assist persons living with AIDS who also have severe and persistent mental illness and/or chemical dependence. Included will be stabilization and orientation for clients in emergency shelter, development of a transitional living program (with goal formation and support to obtain those goals), and discharge planning that includes access to permanent housing. The program will also provide follow-up services in the community.

Project sponsors will provide intensive outreach, especially in the City's Enterprise Community. To help stabilize homeless clients, emergency shelter

HIV/AIDS and their families. In addition, transitional housing will help a minimum of 14 single adults, 10 single mothers attempting reunification with their children and 12 families. This structured transitional living program, which uses a combination rehabilitation and recovery model, fills a large gap in Bridgeport's continuum of housing for the target population. After completing the transitional program, clients will be assisted in moving to permanent housing via a bridge fund. In an innovative method for vocational rehabilitation, some clients will be involved in developing a mailing services micro-enterprise that has already garnered pledges of business from area organizations.

The program is consistent with *Blueprint for the Future: Connecticut's AIDS Housing Plan* (developed by CARC) and a 1996 HIV/AIDS care

will be provided to a minimum of 100 people with needs assessment for the greater Bridgeport area.  
**Awards for HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Projects.**

Grant Recipient	Project Location	Award
City of Bridgeport	Bridgeport, Connecticut	\$1,270,000
Church Avenue Merchants Block Assoc. (CAMBA)	Brooklyn, New York City	1,199,901
AIDS Task Force of Alabama, Inc.	Birmingham, Alabama	1,270,000
The Salvation Army, Harbor Light Multi-Service Center	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1,200,000
Catholic Community Services, Hudson County Division	Jersey City, New Jersey	1,236,922
Local Health Council of East Central Florida, Inc.	Orlando, Florida	1,205,903
Center for Children & Families	Manhattan, New York City	1,221,450
<b>TOTAL 1997 MDI Awards</b>	<b>7 Grants</b>	<b>\$8,604,176</b>

Sponsors include the Helping Hand Center, Catholic Family Services, the Regional Network of Programs, the Greater Bridgeport Community Mental Health Center, and Alpha Home and Bethel Recovery Center.

▼ In Brooklyn, New York, a grant for *Housing Start* will fund operating costs of a scattered site housing program for homeless persons with HIV/AIDS who are also alcohol/drug addicted and/or mentally ill. This MDI program will be run by the **Church Avenue Merchant's Block Association (CAMBA)**. Health care and other supportive services will be offered in CAMBA's primary health care center and the adjacent HIV/AIDS service center. The program will also emphasize acupuncture as a treatment for substance abuse withdrawal symptoms as well as to increase energy for fighting HIV/AIDS.

CAMBA will offer furnished, scattered site apartments in several Brooklyn neighborhoods in a designated Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community to 40 people with HIV/AIDS and 40 family members of these individuals. Residential staff will find and maintain housing and will offer subsidized rent payments. In linking HIV and substance abuse prevention services, alternative treatments, health care, and other supportive services with housing assistance, CAMBA is responding to their MDI clients' needs by integrating service delivery. The program's special among area hospitals, health maintenance organizations, public health agencies, the mental health authority, and municipalities.

▼ In Minneapolis, the **Salvation Army Harbor**

focus uses immediate access to housing as an incentive to reach otherwise unengaged clients. The use of non-invasive alternative treatment approaches, such as the Lincoln Hospital acupuncture treatment program, will help maintain clients in care with access to counseling, treatment and other services.

▼ The *Rectory House Project* has been designed to increase consumer-driven, service-enriched community housing. **AIDS Task Force of Alabama**, and its sponsor, Agape Foundation, will supervise the 18-month renovation of a 14-bed community residential facility in Birmingham and augment related activities already underway in this Enterprise Community. A total of 42 homeless, multiply-diagnosed persons who have HIV/AIDS will receive services and housing in a facility offering 24-hour care. Aside from housing, these clients will receive physical care, mental health care, chemical addiction support, and case management and access to other care in the community.

The ATFA project will be part of a Continuum of Care by the Metropolitan Birmingham Services for the Homeless which has been recognized by HUD as "best practice" in coordination and strategic planning by communities. To help the project become self sustaining, a reimbursement system will be developed to cover future annual operating costs. This system will create partner-ships provides assertive outreach to engage homeless clients, to transitional housing at *Franciska House* and hospice care at *Coming Home*. Services will be provided by CCS as well as other social agencies and the building rehabilitation will be undertaken by the Domus Corporation. The

**Light Center's AIDS Supportive Housing Project** will include an MDI project in their 100 unit multi-purpose permanent housing campus. Funds will be used to expand this village of support, with the construction and operation of a 12-unit apartment project for individuals living with HIV or AIDS who also have substance abuse or mental health issues. Six units will be constructed for families and six for individuals.

With the assistance of the Minnesota AIDS Project, supportive services available to clients will include case management, substance abuse counseling, primary health care, TB screening, on-site day care, nutrition and hygiene counseling, personal care (food, clothing, transportation), and recreation and social activities. Clients will also be reached in an HIV prevention street outreach program operated by Women With A Point.

Residents will benefit from a "flexible leasing" approach that will enable them to utilize programs in the adjacent Multi-Service Center, such as the detox program, without losing their lease in the apartment project. Flexible leasing will help to prevent clients from becoming homeless, even if they experience relapses and temporarily re-enter treatment programs. The project implements a part of the State's *HIV Housing Needs Assessment and Five Year Plan*.

▼ **Canaan House** in Jersey City, New Jersey, meets the urgent permanent, supported, independent housing need of Hudson County residents who are living with HIV/AIDS and a persistent, mental illness and/or chemical addiction. **Catholic Community Services** will use funds for acquisition, rehabilitation, and operating costs of a housing facility that includes 9 one-bedroom apartments and one two-bedroom apartment for families. In addition, a broad range of services will be provided for tenants.

The ultimate goal of Canaan House is to assist and empower clients to obtain the social services they need by helping them overcome the obstacles caused by a lack of permanent housing and the fragmentation of the social service system. This CCS project is connected to *Operation Link*, a 1996 MDI project that Counseling and other support will be offered at SafeSpace, a drop-in center in Times Square. Some clients will be referred to SafeHome, a transitional living program and, if possible, reunited with their families. The project aims to improve transitional housing with client-driven conflict management methods and to engage clients in assistance to improve life skills and rebuild trust in relationships. The program will reduce services fragmentation and help remove other barriers to treatment.

project's primary objective is to develop a holistic service delivery microsystem that views multiply diagnosed consumers as whole persons. As such, these services will include 24-hour on-site staffing, crisis intervention and emergency services, mental health and substance abuse services, home health care, benefits management, nutrition education, food preparation, housekeeping, vocational rehabilitation, life skills and personal care education, family support, case management, and transportation.

▼ The **Local Health Council of East Central Florida** in Orlando, along with four project sponsors, have designed a network that identifies participants, provides housing, and offers treatment to persons with HIV/AIDS, mental illness, and/or substance abuse. HOPWA funds will be used for the operation of this network as well as the repair and conversion of an evaluation and assessment center. The four sponsors are the Allen Outreach and Development Center for client assessment, the Center for Drug-Free Living for counseling and in-patient treatment, Lakeside Alternative for mental health treatment and crises stabilization, and Centaur for housing assistance.

Transitional Case Managers, based out of the Allen Outreach and Development Center, will work with clients for 30 days, linking them to services through the sponsors' network of providers. Counseling will be provided on the street and in established settings. Available under this grant are 15 tenant-based housing units, 20 direct assistance units, 5 assisted living facility units and 22 single room (SRO) units, 10 of which will be emergency transitional and 12 will be for permanent housing.

▼ This grant will fund a *New York City Youth MDI Housing Project* in central Manhattan. The project is a collaborative effort by the **Center for Children and Families** and the sponsoring agency, Samaritan Village, Inc., to establish a distinct system-wide housing assistance program for HIV positive 18-24 year olds. Aggressive street and institutional outreach will help connect clients to comprehensive services for an estimated 600 homeless youths who have multiple diagnoses. The CC+F project will offer housing placement assistance for supportive and permanent housing as well as services, such as intensive case management, entitlements, primary health services, specialized clinical assessment, treatment for mental illness and substance abuse, tutoring and GED instruction, independent living skills and vocational readiness, job and intern placement, individual and group counseling. Another initiative includes the development and publication of a city-wide resource directory of services for homeless HIV positive youth and the training the staff at 100 youth serving agencies to increase ability for early intervention.

## HOPWA Formula Grants

Housing and related care are vital components of the national response to the HIV epidemic. The HOPWA program provides funding for housing and services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funds are made available in connection with a community's strategy to link these and other resources in an overall development plan in a manner that helps empower residents to become stakeholders in the use of resources.

Ninety (90) percent of the annual appropriation is allocated by formula to the largest city in eligible metropolitan areas and to States based on the number of reported cases of AIDS and metropolitan incidence. Areas qualify if they have at least 1,500 cases of AIDS reported to CDC by March 31 of the year prior to award. In FY 1997, 53 metropolitan areas and 27 States qualified for formula grants. A total of \$176.4 million was allocated.

Following public consultations, these 80 jurisdictions described the use of these funds in connection with other HUD and community resources in an annual consolidated plan submission. Summary information on their consolidated plans is available from HUD at <http://www.hud.gov/home.html>.

## Special Projects of National Significance

▼ Funds to renew the *Housing Assistance and Volunteer Enlistment Network (HAVEN)* project, will help **The AIDS Project (TAP)** continue to addressing the complex housing and related support needs of people with HIV/AIDS in Portland and other areas of southern Maine. TAP will provide overall case management and coordinate housing and supportive services with three other organizations: Peabody House, AIDS Housing Lodge, and Shalom House. HAVEN is notable for its ability to serve and adapt to the needs of its service population. During its first grant, the HAVEN project was successful in filling housing and social service gaps. Providers have subsequently found that the nature of their clientele has altered with: more individuals having multiple diagnoses; prognoses of longer life expectancies are occurring; and the local housing market has tightened. TAP and its three sponsors have adapted their program to attend to these changing needs. The program's use of trained volunteers and both consumer and service professionals advisory committees are notable.

Services will include: emergency assistance and shallow rent assistance (up to \$250 per month); employment re-entry; counseling; and helping clients access scattered site, transit apartments, and tenant-based rental assistance. Over the course of the three-year grant, 250 persons will receive rental assistance. Assisted living will be provided to 46 persons. Short-term emergency rental assistance will be provided for 54 persons and 24 will receive shallow rent subsidies to enable them to remain in their apartments or to assist in mortgage payments. An additional 72 persons will receive other short-term payments.

Evaluation of the first HAVEN program has shown that 90% of clients entering emergency care had been housed permanently within 90 days of intake. In addition, TAP met a significant list of benchmarks and developed a working pool of 100 volunteers. For the new award, it is expected that 300 persons with AIDS and 30 of their family members will receive housing assistance, and 1,824 persons with AIDS will receive supportive services.

▼ This grant will fund the **AIDS Housing Corporation's** (AHC) *New England Comprehensive Technical Assistance Program* as a continuation of a 1994 HOPWA SPNS grant. AHC will use funds to continue serving Massachusetts while expanding their capacity to serve other communities in the New England area. Included are five components: (1) needs assessments; (2) program evaluations; (3) research, training, and publications; (4) project development, operations, and management; (5) and community-wide system development. Additionally, AHC will hold a New England-wide AIDS Housing Conference so that organizations and agencies may share information and the region's technical assistance needs may be assessed.

Assistance will be provided to at least 400 individuals and 200 family members. In AHC's 1994 technical assistance grant, all planned goals were met. AHC published a primer on developing AIDS supported housing, guidelines for the design of AIDS housing, a handbook for AIDS housing directors and a directory of programs in Massachusetts and initiated use of a web site. AHC will continue to work with people with AIDS, AIDS service organizations, and community-based organizations to identify the need for housing and support services and develop/maintain housing options addressing those needs. By building on the capacity of existing organizations, AHC helps to bridge gaps in knowledge and expertise to create a continuum of housing options for people living with HIV/AIDS, involve consumers in decisions and form partnerships to provide housing and care.

▼ The *La Posada Project* (Spanish for *home*) will provide service-enriched housing opportunities throughout San Diego County to homeless and very low-income HIV positive persons, especially addressing the needs of women and their children. **The County of San Diego Department of Housing and Community Development's** program Carolinas), the Durham County Mental Health

will create flexible and affordable housing options, including permanent housing units that are integrated within an affordable housing complex. Funds are for: (1) acquisition and rehabilitation of ten apartments in the South Bay region; (2) rehabilitation of a licensed residential care facility in Vista to increase its capacity; and (3) outreach, residential service coordination, and supportive services. Assistance will be delivered in this Enterprise Community.

Activities will be co-administered by the County's Office of AIDS Coordination and its Department of Housing and Community Development. These agencies will be assisted by five sponsors, including South Bay Community Services, Fraternity House, San Ysidro Health Center, PACTO Latino AIDS Organization, and the San Diego Housing Commission. Moreover, to fill supportive or housing services gaps in the continuum of care, six community organizations will work in partnership with the sponsors. The project will provide housing assistance to at least 270 individuals and 250 family members.

Project goals are to enable the participants to access affordable and appropriate housing, increase their long-term stability in housing, enhance their access to health care and supportive services, and allow able-bodied participants to secure gainful employment. Housing options will include emergency shelter, transitional housing, rental assistance, and licensed residential care. Tenants will be linked to services with the assistance of bilingual, culturally sensitive case managers.

▼ A project *Serving the Dually Diagnosed in North Carolina* will be implemented in five communities selected for local team efforts in housing people who have HIV/AIDS and substance abuse issues. A project sponsor in each area will hire a substance abuse counselor who can help homeless, dually diagnosed individuals to better utilize housing options. The grant to the **North Carolina Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources** will provide assistance in Charlotte, Raleigh, Greenville, Wilmington and eastern rural areas.

While the State will be responsible for linking AIDS services and substance abuse efforts of all communities, the five sponsors will individualize their services according to community needs and area resources. Sponsors include Cure, Inc., the Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium (Foundation of the

a household with one extra bedroom), training the

Authority, and the Pitt County AIDS Service Organization.

The grant is expected to provide services for 460 persons statewide over the three years of the grant and serve as models for expanding efforts in other areas. The use of Substance Abuse Counselors fills an identified gap in the local continuum of care in each geographical area. In addition, each area has designed a plan of activities for its HOPWA-funded counselor based on the unique needs of its area.

▼ The **Kentucky Housing Corporation** will receive a grant for the *AIDS Housing Integration Project* will help existing mainstream housing and service providers to expand their programs for persons living with HIV/AIDS. HOPWA funds will be used to develop an AIDS Housing Integration Team, which will provide outreach, education, and training to mainstream providers and assist in the development and implementation of AIDS-specific set-asides. A placement program for persons with HIV/AIDS who require alcohol and/or drug dependency services will also be established in Louisville, Lexington, and in Dayton and Covington in Northern Kentucky.

In cooperation with the Kentucky Housing Corporation, three sponsors will participate, including Volunteers of America of Kentucky, Transitions Inc., and AIDS Volunteers. Over a three-year period, the project will develop at least 30 set-aside beds, units, or slots in 18 existing housing programs; further-more, housing assistance services will be provided to at least 99 individuals and 35 family members with other services for an additional 201 people. This plan recognizes that the State may most appropriately serve its dispersed client population by improving those resources already in place. Preference will be given to clients residing in Louisville's Enterprise Community.

An AIDS Housing Integration Team will provide outreach, education, and training to mainstream providers and assist in the development and implementation of AIDS-specific set asides and/or preferences. The Project builds upon the capacity and infrastructure of local service providers in rural areas who know their communities, resources, and members, and special-needs service providers in urban centers who are experts in alcohol and drug dependency. Its innovation in utilizing existing housing (at times,

family or provider in HIV/AIDS prevention and care, and using volunteers to help provide services is notable.

▼ This grant will fund an expansion of **Ho'omana'olana's** ("building hope") *Gregory House*, a transitional shelter, as well as the development of an independent scattered-site program of housing services for persons living with HIV/AIDS. These expanded services respond to the growing need to stabilize the multiply diagnosed in order to maximize their success in permanent housing.

Currently, support services at Gregory House are not optimal in meeting intensive care needs of those with HIV/AIDS who are multiply diagnosed; gaps exist in the areas of monitoring, follow-up, and on-site support. Outreach will target the homeless among all impacted communities. After becoming a client, individuals will be placed in the newly developed scattered-site program, an independently supportive program where clients can continue to have a strong social service component while living independently in the community. Ten units of long-term lease housing will be made available in the community.

Additional leveraged resources of over \$2 million will be provided in a collaborative manner by the Life Foundation, Comfort, Security, and Independence, Waikiki Health Center, The Queens Medical Center, State of Hawaii STD/AIDS Prevention Branch, and WorkHawaii. The initiative will provide housing assistance services to at least 135 individuals and 6 family members. The proposal was developed with the participation of the AIDS Community Care Team (ACCT), a statewide, broad-based consortium of community based organizations that provide services to, and advocate for, persons affected with HIV and AIDS and for persons at risk.

▼ The **Hudson Planning Group** will develop, implement, and evaluate the *Housing Network Development Project*, a program for people with HIV/AIDS that utilizes key managed care principles in supportive housing service provision and reimbursement. With the assistance of two other non-profit organizations, Bailey House and Housing Works, the Hudson Planning Group will contract with the City on a capitated payment basis to provide a full continuum of supportive housing services and will link supportive services

### **Awards for Special Projects of National Significance.**

Grant Recipient	Project Location	Award
The AIDS Project	Portland, Maine	\$1,064,149
AIDS Housing Corporation (New England Comprehensive Technical Assistance	Boston, Massachusetts for the New England region	749,689

Program)		
San Diego County, Department of Housing and Community Development	San Diego, San Marcos and Vista, California	1,053,800
North Carolina Department of Environment, Health and Natural Resources	Charlotte, Raleigh, Greenville, Wilmington, and eastern rural, North Carolina	785,714
Kentucky Housing Corporation	Louisville, Lexington, Dayton and Covington, Kentucky	901,323
Ho'omana'olana	Honolulu, Hawaii	1,028,797
Hudson Planning Group, Inc.	New York City	334,750
TOTAL 1997 SPNS Awards	7 Grants	\$5,918,222

to the specific needs of individuals being served. HOPWA funds will be used to demonstrate the applicability of key managed care principles. Funding will be provided directly to the Housing Network, an umbrella organization of non-profits providing supportive housing, which in turn will contract with non-profit community based housing service providers. All proposed activities are consistent with the State of New York Consolidated Plan. Furthermore, the Housing Network Project prevents duplication that will arise when the State's HIV special needs managed care plans are introduced in mid-1998.

The managed care model is flexible and establishes a provider network for a seamless continuum of services. For instance, case managers will be responsible for both housing and social service needs of their clients: previously, these two services have been handled by different systems.

### National HOPWA Technical Assistance

▼ This grant will allow **AIDS Housing of Washington** (AHW) to continue and to expand its *National HOPWA Technical Assistance Program* to provide support for the development, operation and management of AIDS housing programs throughout the nation. The program includes

outreach and follow-up in four primary program areas: (1) consultations with HIV/AIDS residences, rental assistance program, support service providers and low-income housing developers on issues such as program planning, organizational capacity-building, forging partnerships, housing development, financing building operations, support service delivery and evaluation; (2) community-based needs assessments and multi-year AIDS housing plans for impacted cities, states and regions; (3) HIV/AIDS housing publications, database research, public education and information dissemination, including a world wide web site; and (4) provider conferences and workshops, including the Third and Fourth National HIV/AIDS Housing Conferences and two national training workshops for HOPWA formula grantees. Plans have been initiated for the September 16-20, 1998 national conference in Atlanta.

When assisting an organization, AHW accounts for the group's capacity, ability, staffing, and services as well as local changes in Medicaid provision, disease parameters, government programs, and regional/state plans. Long-term goals of the National Technical Assistance Program are to increase organizational capacity, long-term viability, and development. Priority areas include HOPWA formula jurisdictions, states without comprehensive AIDS housing plans that

### Award for National HOPWA Technical Assistance

Grant Recipient	Project Location	Award
AIDS Housing of Washington	Seattle, Washington for nation-wide activities	\$1,030,000
TOTAL 1997 National TA Award	1 Grant	\$1,030,000

are outside major metropolitan areas, and smaller EMAs without adequate AIDS housing plans. Through these activities it is expected that more than 3,000 people with HIV/AIDS will be assisted. In its prior award, AHW met or exceeded all goals,

rental assistance. In the first HOPWA grant operated by AHFC and 4As, expectations were exceeded by nearly double and the program changed according to the needs of clients. HOPWA funds are used to help people in Alaska

including providing comprehensive HIV/AIDS housing needs assessment and planning for states/EMAs, publishing, and conferences.

**These exemplary projects evidence strong community partnerships as models of care and commitment. The Department has made a strong emphasis on working together with the nonprofit sector, governments at all levels, and citizens to better address area needs. An essential part of any partnership is learning from each other, understanding our challenges, and sharing our solutions to common issues. By learning from these model projects, we can expand housing options that facilitate independence and dignity for persons living with HIV/AIDS through access to safe, decent and affordable housing.**

**Secretary Andrew  
Cuomo**

with HIV/AIDS and their families remain in their homes by providing for health care, prescription services, child care, relapse prevention therapy, and transportation. Transportation is of particular importance, as many families must travel to far distant services via airplane.

Clients are referred from various community agencies, health care facilities, friends, and current clients. Over the past three years, clientele has fallen into one of two categories: either very ill or long-term survivors. The program has been adapted to help both groups to secure residential assistance as needed. In addition, AHFC and 4As are planning for future clients by scouting appropriate housing locations across the state while visiting current clients.

▼ *The New Mexico Strategy* is a two-pronged approach that promotes statewide and regional collaborations between the housing and HIV/AIDS services communities to enhance and expand capacity of housing resources for people with HIV/AIDS. Housing assistance will include a four-bedroom, independent living duplex in Albuquerque, a four-bed community AIDS residence in Gallup that is sensitive to the culture of Native Americans, and (on a state-wide basis) tenant-based rental assistance with preference for clients in the State's two Enterprise Communities: Albuquerque and the rural EC in Moro, Rio Arriba and Taos Counties. Additionally, funds will be used to fill gaps in the continuum of care throughout the State and for Native Americans, coordinated through comprehensive HIV/AIDS case management.

The **New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority** will implement this project in coordination with five sponsors, each familiar with a different region of the state: New Mexico AIDS Services, Southwest

## **Long-Term Comprehensive Strategies in Non-Formula Areas**

▼ The **Alaska Housing Finance Corporation** (AHFC) will use funds to continue operating housing in Anchorage with three permanent and one transitional housing units. Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (4As) will provide supportive services, such as case management, housing information, and short- and long-term Care Center, CAA Cares Program, Pecos Valley HIV/AIDS Resource Center, and the Navajo AIDS Network. At least 460 individuals and 92 family members will receive housing assistance and services will be provided for an additional 228 persons. The project will also provide utility assistance; emergency grants for moving expenses, minor repairs, and other housing-related needs; and motel vouchers for rural residents traveling to clinics.

At least 148 individuals and 30 family members will receive housing assistance, and an additional 100 persons will receive other services. The proposal was developed using focus groups, interviews with AIDS service organizations, and surveys of people living with HIV/AIDS. The planned activities are coordinated within the State's Continuum of Care for Homeless Persons.

▼ HOPWA funds will allow the **Wyoming**



The proposal was developed based on statewide consultation with people living with HIV/AIDS, their families, and organizations that serve them. Open planning meetings, focus groups, surveys and interviews were all used with a focus on New Mexico's rural areas that are largely underserved. The project provides over \$7.5 million in additional resources that are committed to implementing this state-wide strategy to integrate services, AIDS drug assistance and housing for clients.

▼ This grant to the **Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation** will expand Rhode Island's continuum of care for people with HIV/AIDS by extending the geographic service areas from prior HOPWA grants and adding a new component of housing service delivery for northern Rhode Island. Funds will be used to renew the Sunrise Supportive Service Program, which provides supportive services coupled with housing services to clients residing in 12 scattered site apartments in Providence, including clients in the City's Enterprise Community.

In connection with the completion of a Sec. 811 facility under rehabilitation in Pawtucket that will provide six units for people living with AIDS, rental assistance will be offered in southern Rhode Island. Also, support will be given to expand capacity of a four-unit group home in Cumberland in the northern area of the state that operated on a volunteer basis for the last two years. HOPWA will fund project oversight, utility payments, site operations, expansion to eight units and provide a range of housing and supportive services. During operation of the 1994 award, Sunrise achieved its three benchmarks of success in providing stable housing for 45 people with HIV/AIDS, cementing linkages with partners, and evidence of client satisfaction. New activities will be undertaken by two sponsors, Family AIDS Service Center for Treatment and Services (FACTS) in the greater Providence area and the House of Compassion in northern Rhode Island.

substance abuse issues and 10% will have a mental illness that require specialized services.

Activities will be coordinated with continuum of care efforts by the Tucson Planning Council for the Homeless, which received a "best practice" award from HUD for its collaborative efforts. The project will support the elements of this continuum that implement long-term, comprehensive strategies for providing housing and related services to people with HIV/AIDS. Needs identified in surveillance reports are addressed in two ways: (1) by targeting the multiply diagnosed population for a continuum of housing and services through long-term rent subsidy combined with intensive case management; and (2) by collaborating with existing housing, residential treatment, and service provision.

**Department of Health's Life Steps Campus** in Casper, Wyoming to expand with a *Temporary Residence to Encourage and Educate (TREE) House*. This project will complete a full spectrum of housing and supportive services for people living with HIV/AIDS at one site in coordination with special needs programs offered by 14 collaborating agencies. The TREE House will serve as a group home, supportive living center, site for long-term and emergency housing, and education and information center. TREE House activities will be operated by the Wyoming Department of Health in coordination with two sponsors: Wyoming AIDS Project and Casper Housing Authority. The program will provide housing assistance services for over 192 individuals and 162 family members as well as services for an additional 861 persons living not only in Wyoming, but also in border towns from neighboring states, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Idaho, and Montana.

The program is designed to flexibly cover the full spectrum of housing services from short term to transitional to long-term "permanent" housing. The TREE House will also offer a statewide toll-free hotline for referrals to medical care, financial assistance, counseling, legal advice, and other services. On-campus assistance will include self-sufficiency and intensive case management, personal care, health education, literacy and GED tutoring, job search assistance, life skills training, children's programs, and other supportive services.

▼ This grant will continue funding for *Positive Directions* a project of **Pima County Community Services** that serves the Tucson area. The program was developed in consultation with clients and the community to provide structured transitional housing, subsidized permanent housing, intensive case management, inpatient treatment, and job training for low income persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. The program expects that 80% of clients will have Sponsors who will be assisting Pima County, the grantee, are the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) and the City of Tucson. SAAF is the organization resulting from the merger of three AIDS service organizations in Tucson, People with AIDS Coalition of Tucson, the Shanti Foundation, and the Tucson AIDS Project.

The number of units in an existing long-term rent subsidy program will be increased from 30 to 40, with 32 one-bedroom, 6 two-bedroom and 2 three-bedroom units. SAAF's transitional housing program will provide 6 studios; 2 one-bedroom and 2 two-bedroom units for a range of 12 to 18 beds. Intensive case management will be funded under this grant, as will be job training or retraining for clients when they have increased their self-sufficiency.

## Awards for Long Term Comprehensive Strategies Projects

Grant Recipient	Project Location	Award
Alaska Housing Finance Corporation	Anchorage, Alaska	\$ 572,800
New Mexico Mortgage Finance Authority	Albuquerque and Gallup, New Mexico	1,100,000
Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation	Providence, Cumberland and Cranston, Rhode Island	1,097,030
Wyoming Department of Health	Casper, Wyoming	288,640
Pima County Community Services	Tucson, Arizona	639,196
<b>TOTAL 1997 Long Term Awards</b>	<b>5 Grants</b>	<b>\$3,697,666</b>

NOTE: LT Projects are in areas that did not qualify for HOPWA formula allocations in FY 97.

### Additional Funds for Evaluation of 1996 HIV Multiple-Diagnoses Initiative Projects.

HUD awarded additional funds for the national evaluation of MDI projects selected in 1996. The seven projects that received up to \$50,000 are: the Bernal Heights Housing Corporation in San Francisco, California; the Housing Authority of Santa Cruz, in Santa Cruz Co., California; Housing & Services Inc. (of South Florida) in Miami, Florida; the Baltimore Department of Housing and Community Development in Baltimore, Maryland; Catholic Community Services in Jersey City, New Jersey; United

Bronx Parents, Inc. in New York City; and the Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, Inc. in Houston, Texas. These projects are described in the 1996 competitive grant descriptions. The total for the seven awards is \$349,936.

**For More Information:** Contact the HUD area office or the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Rm 7154, Washington, D.C. 20410, phone (202) 708-1934; TTY 1-800-887-8339, FAX: (202) 708-1744. The HUD HOME Page on the World Wide Web is found at <http://www.hud.gov/home.html>.

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